



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Mental Health Committee Minutes Wednesday, September 15, 2021

Team Members Present:

Elizabeth Aldred (Co-Chair)	Angie Wollenhaupt	Hon. Maria Lazar
Dan Thompson (Co-Chair)	Maura McMahan	Zachary Bosch

Team Members Absent:

Danielle Birdeau	Andy Dresang	Michelle Larsuel
Dr. Isha Salva	Mary Madden	

Others Present:

Rebecca Luczaj	Kirk Yauchler
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Co-Chair Aldred called the meeting to order at 12:08 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 16, 2021

Motion: Thompson moved, second by McMahan, to approve the Mental Health Committee minutes of June 16, 2021. Lazar abstained. Motion passed.

Discuss and Consider Committee Membership Change

Motion: Lazar moved, second by McMahan, to replace Attorney Zach Bosch with Attorney Jon Martin, effective after today's meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Update on Progress of Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Grant

No Cost Extension Request

Luczaj reported that due to project implementation delays caused by the pandemic, we were underspent in the grant and therefore requested a 1-year extension, which was just approved. The grant will now expire on September 30, 2022.

Clinical Therapist Position and Project Implementation Timeline

Yauchler reported that the Clinical Therapist has been hired and will begin on September 27. Avatar forms are being updated for the electronic health record, which will include data fields required for grant reporting.

Whole Health Clinical Group has submitted a proposal for the crisis stabilization staff that is currently being reviewed. The agency has a lot of experience in this area, as they currently operate the Milwaukee County crisis stabilization center.

Update on Efforts to Establish a Crisis Stabilization/Respite Center

Yauchler stated that Waukesha County is currently looking into converting the Mental Health Center (MHC) into a combination of a 16-bed inpatient unit and a 12-bed crisis stabilization unit. There would need to be modifications made, as the crisis stabilization unit cannot be locked and must have a separate entrance.

Health and Human Services has yet to begin the application process to the Waukesha County Department of Administration (DOA) to utilize American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds for this proposed repurposing of the facility. If the plan is approved, the crisis stabilization center would require a community-based residential facility (CBRF) certification.

Aldred stated that the center could be operational in 1-1/2 to 2 years after funding is approved.

7/28 Presentation to CJCC on Becoming a Stepping Up County

Luczaj reported that the CJCC passed a motion to become a Stepping Up County at their meeting on July 28. Luczaj's next step is to draft a letter of commitment from the CJCC that Judge Dorow, as the committee Chair, will sign.

Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training Update

In Madden's absence, Luczaj reported that there was an Advanced CIT training held on August 24 with a focus on dementia. The training was open to the entire state, and there were at least 8 Waukesha County law enforcement officers present.

Currently, Madden is attending a CIT training for dispatch on September 14-15 that has a heavy emphasis on suicide awareness and prevention, as well as self-care for first responders.

There is a CIT training scheduled for September 27 – October 1. There are at least 29 officers registered, 4 of whom are from the City of Brookfield.

Announcements

Lazar will email the group a link for an upcoming Human Trafficking training.

Bosch is presenting at the CIT training at the end of the month.

Wollenhaupt reported that there will be a Crisis Intervention Partners (CIP) training held in early November.

Yauchler stated that there has been an increase in response from the crisis team through telehealth. The division is currently filling open positions. They are also enforcing a new 15-minute rule, which has the crisis team responding to law enforcement within 15 minutes with at least a phone call. Waukesha County is also considering using the SMART Medical Clearance form that is used in Milwaukee County and other counties. The form helps to streamline the medical clearance process.

Aldred reported that the HHS Board will be conducting a 3-month pilot utilizing a hybrid meeting format, allowing for both in-person and virtual attendance. If the format is approved for all public meetings, the CJCC bylaws would need to be amended to allow for the hybrid meetings.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Dispatch response to calls for crisis
- Waukesha Police Department's use of the opioid dashboard
- Update on the reconvening of the Heroin Task Force

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjourn

Motion: Bosch moved, second by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 12:57 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.